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SUBJECT: SOLAR ELECTRO-OPTICAL NETWORK (SEON) FACILITY

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1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) GAVE US ITS VERBAL APPROVAL ON JULY 13 FOR NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHING THE SEON FACILITY AT KRYONERI PER PARAGRAPHS 2 OF REFTEL. THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY OF ATHENS (NOA) HAS CONCURRED IN COLLOCATION OF THE SEON FACILITY WITH THE EXISTING NOA FACILITY AT KRYONERI.

2. WE ANTICIPATE NOA PERSONNEL WILL LEAD TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE GOG WITH ASSISTANCE AS NECESSARY FROM THE MFA. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, AND THE MFA HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY IT IS IN AGREEMENT, THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS PRODUCE AN AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO THE TECHNICAL AND LEGAL MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE NEGOTIATING TEAMS. THIS COULD THEN BE COVERED BY AN EXCHANGE
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OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES IN WHICH REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE TO THE APPROPRIATE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT.

3. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE THAT THE EMBASSY'S COPY OF APPENDIX II OF THE MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT ONLY LISTS OUR MAJOR MILITARY FACILITIES IN GREECE. THE PRESENT AIR WEATHER

SERVICE OBSERVATORY AT NEA PENDELI, FOR EXAMPLE, IS NOT LISTED. GIVEN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SENSITIVITY CONCERNING OUR BILATERAL MILITARY AGREEMENTS, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO ANY ONE OF THEM UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

4. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THE TEAM DESCRIBED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL COME TO ATHENS IN TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS SOMETIME BETWEEN JULY 31 AND AUGUST 4. TO COME LATER RISKS MOVING INTO THE AUGUST VACATION PERIOD WHEN SOME GREEK PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHIEF NOA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE GONE FROM AUGUST 9 TO AUGUST 20. A U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS TEAM WILL SURVEY THE KRYONERI SITE BEGINNING JULY 24 CONCERNING UTILITIES AND OTHER CONDITIONS AFFECTING CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS. NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING JULY 31, OR SOON THEREAFTER, COULD DRAW ON THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE TEAM.

5. PLEASE ADVISE US OF SPECIFIC DATES THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS CAN BE AVAILABLE IN ATHENS SO A DEFINITE SCHEDULE CAN BE CONFIRMED WITH THE MFA AND NOA.
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